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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Samuel M. "Jack" Swafford of Marion on Friday, May 13, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Swafford was born on August 19, 1918, in Marion to John Wesley and Edna (Groves) Swafford; he married Barbara (Manier) Rains; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ; he retired from the Marion V.A. Hospital, where he worked as a fireman; he was a member of the Marion Masonic Lodge 89 AF & AM, Marion Eagles Lodge 2457, and a lifetime member of Marion VFW Post 1301; he served in the United States Army Air Corp; and

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WHEREAS, He loved his family and spending time with his grandkids, as well as spending time fishing and hunting; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Samuel M. "Jack" Swafford has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Barbara; his son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Shirley Rains; his daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Keith Soldner; his daughter-in-law, Connie Swafford; his grandchildren, Cynthia and Scott Lentz, Anne Swafford, Kevin and Rachel Soldner, Scott and Chasity Rains, Sandra and Sean Hayes, Tena and Chuck Albright, Doug and Erin Draper, and Cory Draper; his 12 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Christine Boester; he was preceded in death by his parents; his sons, Duane Swafford and Benny Rains; his two brothers; and his four sisters; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Samuel M. "Jack" Swafford, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

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1 him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
4 sympathy.